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BELMONT ABBEY

ARMSTRONG

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	BELMONT ABBEY (2-1)	0	0	0	
	ARMSTRONG (1-0-2)	0	2	2	





Posted: Sep 13, 2013

SAVANNAH, Ga. - The No. 5-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University women's soccer squad scored twice in the first four minutes of the second half to notch its first win of 2013, knocking off Belmont Abbey, 2-0, on the first day of the Holiday Inn Express Savannah Midtown Pirate Shootout at the Armstrong Soccer Field.

The Pirates (1-0-2) collected its first win of the season while handing Belmont Abbey (2-1) its first loss of 2013 in a matchup of NCAA Southeast Region teams from a season ago.

A scoreless first half between the two squads saw Armstrong enjoy an edge in shots, 9-1, but generate few key scoring chances as Belmont Abbey keeper Abby Walton needed to make just one save before halftime.

That all changed quickly in the second half as sophomore **Candace Cosby** - who started the second half up top after not playing in the first half - got a head onto a corner kick from **Brianne Matarazzo** and beat Walton far post in the 47th minute to give Armstrong a 1-0 lead.

SCORING SUMMARY

2nd - 46:15 - Cosby, Candace (Armstrong)

2nd - 48:47 - Dawson, Andye (Armstrong)

GAME LEADERS

BELMONT ABBEY

G: N/A

A: N/A

Sh: Laura Shelton - 3

Sv: Abby Walton - 2

ARMSTRONG

G: 2 Players (**#4**, **#24**) - 1

A: 2 Players (**#15**, **#19**) - 1

Sh: Sarah Olin - 3

Just two and a half minutes later, right back Stephanie James' service into the box found the head of senior Andye Dawson, who flicked it over the head of Walton and into the net for the 2-0 lead. Armstrong scored on two consecutive shots and just four minutes into the first half enjoyed the two goal advantage.

After that it was left to the Armstrong defense to take care of business as Belmont Abbey tallied five second half shots, but none on goal. The Pirates finished the match with a 15-6 edge in shots over the Crusaders and Armstrong keeper Morgan Luckie played 81 minutes of shutout ball in goal without having to make a save.

"I was disappointed in our first half performance, I thought we came out flat," Armstrong head coach Eric Faulconer said. "But I like how the team responded coming out of the halftime break, scoring two quick goals to put the game away.

"Candace Cosby gave us a spark off the bench with her header off the corner kick and then Stephanie James played a great ball into Andye Dawson, who finished the ball well."

The Pirates enjoyed a 5-1 edge in corner kicks and were whistled for eight fouls, compared to six for Belmont Abbey, and each team was offsides once in the match.

In the first match of the day in the Holiday Inn Express Savannah Midtown Pirate Shootout, Lynn (1-0) notched a 2-0 victory over Clayton State (1-2-1). The Knights scored a goal in each half, getting a free kick goal from Linzi Marti in the 26th minute and a rebound goal by Kirstie Schults in the 77th minute.

"We have a lot of tough games ahead, and our focus is going to have to be better if we want to be successful," Faulconer said. "Lynn will be a good test for us on Sunday and good preparation for the opening of the Peach Belt next week."

Armstrong faces off against Lynn at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday in the final day of the Pirate Shootout, while Clayton State will take on Belmont Abbey at 1:30 p.m.



Sv: N/A

TEAM STATS		
BELMONT ABBEY		ARMSTRONG
6 (0)	Shots (on goal)	15 (4)
2	Saves	0
6	Fouls	8
1	Corner Kicks	5
1	Offsides	1

FULL STATS

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